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SUBJECT: GAERC: LITHUANIA WILL NOT JOIN CONSENSUS ON
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(C) MFA Head of Common Foreign and Security Policy Egidijus Navikas confirmed to Post November 6 that Lithuania will not join the expected consensus at next week's GAERC on resuming post-PCA negotiations with Russia. The Lithuanian Government understands the number of EU allies wishing to delay resumption is dwindling but the Lithuanians are still against resuming talks with Russia and can not bring themselves to join any consensus agreeing to do so. Despite this stand, Navikas said he fully expects France will find some way of dealing with the lack of consensus procedurally and the EU will resume post-PCA negotiations in any event.
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